

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Civil Action No. 1:17-CV-1113

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC
PARTY; CUMBERLAND COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC PARTY; DURHAM
COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY;
FORSYTH COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
PARTY; GUILFORD COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC PARTY; MECKLENBURG
COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY;
ORANGE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
PARTY; and WAKE COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC PARTY,

Plaintiffs

v.

PHILLIP E. BERGER, in his official capacity
as PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA SENATE; TIMOTHY
K. MOORE, in his official capacity as
SPEAKER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA; THE
NORTH CAROLINA BIPARTISAN STATE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS
ENFORCEMENT; and KIMBERLY
STRACH, in her official capacity as
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH
CAROLINA BIPARTISAN STATE BOARD
OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS
ENFORCEMENT,

Defendants

DEFENDANTS' JOINT RESPONSE
IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION

NOW COME Defendants, by and through their respective undersigned counsel, and hereby submit this Response in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. In support of their opposition, Defendants rely upon their Joint Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction filed contemporaneously herewith.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that this Court deny Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of January, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day electronically filed the foregoing Response in Opposition with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel and parties of record.

This the 12th day of January, 2018.

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